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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: Dictionary Definition.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haglund (U.S. Patent No. 2,888,247).

Regarding claim 1, Haglund teaches a cutting insert comprising: a body (10) and a punch head (11) including two compact layers (12 and 13) of cobalt-containing tungsten carbide, the lower compact layer (13) welded to said body (10) to form a cutting unit (Col. 4, lines 7-9, also see Figures 1 and 4), and the upper contact layer sintered to the lower compact layer (Col. 4, lines 40-50). The Second College Edition of the *American Heritage Dictionary* defines the term sintering as the welding together of metallic powder. Therefore, the upper and lower compact layers of Lee are welded together.

Regarding claims 2 and 3, Haglund teaches (Col. 3, lines 3-40; Col. 4, lines 69-72; Col. 5, lines 1-41; also see Table 1) the upper contact layer (12) having less cobalt and therefore more tungsten than said lower compact layer (13). Moreover, Haglund teaches the tungsten carbide particle size in said upper layer (12) is larger than that of the lower contact layer (13).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Lee (U.S Publication No. 2002/0112588) teaches a sintered cobalt, containing tungsten carbide, product, and a process for making the same.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward F. Landrum whose telephone number is 571-272-5567. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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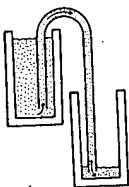
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FOUR-YI

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siphon

onomic independence and the renewal of culture in Ireland. [Ir. Gael. : *sinn*, we + *fein*, self.]

Sino- pref. Chinese. *Sinology*. [Fr. < L.Lat. *Sinae*, the Chinese < Gk. *Sinai* < Ar. *Sin*, China.]

si-no-a-tri-al (sī'nō-ā-trē-āl) *adj.* Of or pertaining to the sinoatrial node. [SIN(US) + ATRIAL.]

sinoatrial node *n.* A small mass of specialized cardiac muscle fibers located in the posterior wall of the right atrium of the heart that generates the initiating impulses of the heart-beat.

Si-no-logue also **Si-nō-log** (sī'nō-lōg', -lōg', sī'n-ō') *n.* A student of Sinology. [Fr., back-formation < *Sinologie*, *Sinology*.]

Si-nol-o-gy (sī'nō-lō-jē, sī-) *n.* The study of Chinese language, literature, or civilization. [Fr. *Sinologie* < *Sino-*, *Sino-* + *-logie*, *-logy*.] —**Si-nol-og'i-cal** (sī'nō-lōj'i-kəl, sī'n-ō') *adj.* —**Si-nol-o-gist** *n.*

Si-no-phile (sī'nō-fīl', sī'n-ō') *n.* One friendly to the Chinese and their interests.

Si-no-Ti-bet-an (sī'nō-tī-bēt-an, sī'n-ō') *n.* A language family that includes the Sinitic and Tibeto-Burman branches. —**Si-nō-Ti-bet-an** *adj.*

sin-ter (sīn'tar) *n.* 1. *Geol.* A chemical sediment or crust, as of porous silica, deposited by a mineral spring. 2. A mass formed by sintering. —*v.* *-tered, -tering, -ters.* —*tr.* To weld together (metallic powder, for example) partially and without melting. —*intr.* To form a homogeneous mass by heating without melting. [G., iron dross.]

sin-u-ate (sīn'yō-āt', -āt') also **sin-u-ated** (-ā'tid) *adj.* Having a wavy indented margin, as a leaf. [Lat. *sinuatus*, *p.* part, of *sinuare*, to bend < *sinus*, curve.] —**sin-u-ate-ly** *adv.* —**sin-u-a-tion** (-ā'shən) *n.*

sin-u-ous-i-ty (sīn'yō-ōs-i-tē) *n.* *pl.* -ties. 1. The quality of being sinuous. 2. A bending or curving shape or movement.

sin-u-ous (sīn'yō-ōs) *adj.* 1. Characterized by many curves or turns; winding. 2. Supple and lithe. 3. Sinuate. [Lat. *sinuosus* < *sinus*, curve.] —**sin-u-ous-ly** *adv.* —**sin-u-ous-ness** *n.*

sin-us (sī'nəs) *n.* 1. A depression or cavity, formed by a bending or curving. 2. *Anat.* a. A dilated channel for the passage of chiefly venous blood. b. Any of various air-filled cavities in the cranial bones, esp. one communicating with the nostrils. 3. *Pathol.* A fistula or channel to a suppurating cavity. 4. *Bot.* A notch or indentation between lobes of a leaf or corolla. [Lat. *sinus*, curve, hollow.]

sin-us-i-tis (sī'nō-sī'tis) *n.* Inflammation of a sinus membrane, esp. in the nasal region.

sin-u-soid (sī'nō-soid', -nyō-) *n.* A sine curve. [Med. Lat. *sinus*, sine < Lat., curve, + *-oid*.] —**sin-u-soid-al** (-soid'l) *adj.*

sinusoidal projection *n.* A map projection in which areas are equal to corresponding areas on a globe, the parallels and the prime meridian being straight lines and the other meridians being increasingly curved outward from the prime meridian.

Sion (sī'ən) *n.* Variant of Zion.

Siou-an (sō-ən) *n.* A large North American Indian language family spoken from Lake Michigan to the Rocky Mountains and southward to Arkansas. [Sioux(X) + *-AN*.] —**Siou-an** *adj.*

Sioux (sō) *n.* *pl.* Sioux (sō, sōz). 1. a. Any of the various groups of Siouan-speaking North American Indian peoples formerly occupying parts of the Great Plains in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Nebraska. b. An individual member of one of the Sioux groups. 2. Any of the languages of the Sioux. [Fr., short for *Nadewessiou* < Ojibwa *nadewessiwak*, the Dakota.] —**Sioux** *adj.*

sip (sīp) *v.* *sipped, sipping, sips.* —*tr.* 1. To drink delicately and in small quantities. 2. To drink from in sips. —*intr.* To drink in sips. —*n.* 1. The act of sipping. 2. A small quantity of liquid sipped. [ME *sippen*.] —**sip-per** *n.*

si-phon also **sy-phon** (sī'fan) *n.* 1. A pipe or tube fashioned or deployed in an inverted U shape and filled until atmospheric pressure is sufficient to force a liquid from a reservoir in one end of the tube over a barrier higher than the reservoir and out the other end. 2. *Zool.* A tubular organ, esp. of aquatic invertebrates such as squids or clams, by which water is taken in or expelled. —*v.* *-phoned, -phoning, -phons.* —*tr.* To draw off or convey through or as if through a siphon. —*intr.* To pass through a siphon. [Fr. < Lat. *siphō* < Gk. *siphōn*, tube.] —**si-phon-al, si-phon'ic** (sī'fōn'ik) *adj.*

si-phon-o-phore (sī'fōn-ō-fōr', -fōr', sī'fō-n-ō') *n.* Any of various colonial marine coelenterates of the order Siphonophora, which includes the Portuguese man-of-war. [N.Lat. *Siphonophora*, order name: Lat. *siphō*, siphon + Gk. *pherein*, to bear.]

si-phon-o-ste-le (sī'fōn-ō-stēl', sī'fō-n-ō-stē'lē) *n.* A vascular tube surrounding the pith in the stems of certain plants. [SIPHON + STELE.] —**si-phon-o-ste-lic** (-stē'lik) *adj.*

si-phon-cle (sī'fōn'kəl) *n.* 1. A tubelike structure in the body of a shelled cephalopod, such as a chambered nautilus, extending through each chamber of the shell. 2. A dorsal tube in an aphid, secreting a waxy fluid. [Lat. *siphunculus*, dim. of *siphō*, siphon.]

sip-pet (sīp'it) *n.* A small piece of toast or bread soaked in gravy or other juice. [*<* *sip*, alteration of *sop*.]

sir (sūr) *n.* 1. Often **Sir**. A respectful form of address used instead of a man's name. 2. **Sir**. A title of honor used before the given name or the full name of baronets and knights. 3. A gentleman of rank. [ME, var. of *sire*. —see *SIRE*.]

sir-dar (sūr'dār, sār-dār) *n.* A person of high rank, esp. in India. [Hindi *sardār* < Pers. : *sar*, head + *-dār*, holder.]

sire (sir) *n.* 1. a. A father. b. *Archaic*. A male ancestor; forefather. 2. The male parent of an animal, esp. a domesticated mammal such as a horse. 3. *Archaic*. A gentleman of rank. 4. *Archaic*. A title and form of address to a superior, used esp. in addressing a king. —*tr.v.* *sired, siring, sires*. To beget. [ME < OFr. < Lat. *senior*, older, comp. of *senex*, old.]

siree (sā-rē') *n.* Variant of *sirree*.

siren (sir'an) *n.* 1. Often **Siren**. *Gk. Myth.* One of a group of sea nymphs who by their sweet singing lured mariners to destruction on the rocks surrounding their island. 2. A beautiful, seductive woman; temptress. 3. a. A device in which compressed air or steam is driven against a rotating perforated disk to create a loud, penetrating whistle, warning, or other sound as a signal or warning. b. An instrument producing a similar sound as a signal or warning. 4. Any of several North American amphibians of the family Sirenidae, having an eellike body and no hind limbs. [ME < OFr. *se-reine* < L.Lat. *sirena* < Lat. *Siren* < Gk. *Seirēn*.]

sire-ni-an (sir'ē-nē-an) *n.* A herbivorous aquatic mammal of the order Sirenia, which includes the manatee and the dugong. —*adj.* Of or belonging to the Sirenia. [*<* N.Lat. *Sirenia*, order name < Lat. *Siren*, *siren*.]

siren song *n.* An enticing plea or appeal, esp. one that is deceptively alluring.

Sir-i-us (sir'ē-əs) *n.* A star in the constellation Canis Major, the brightest star in the sky, approximately 8.7 light years distant from Earth. [Lat. < Gk. *Seirios* < *seirios*, burning.]

sir-loin (sūr'loin) *n.* A cut of meat, esp. of beef, from the upper part of the loin between the rump and the porterhouse. [OFr. *surlonge* : *sur*, above (< Lat. *super*) + *longe*, loin < Lat. *lumbus*.]

sir-roc-co (sā-rōk'ō) also **sci-roc-co** (shā-) *n.* *pl.* -cos. 1. A hot, humid south or southeast wind of southern Italy, Sicily, and the Mediterranean islands, originating in the Sahara as a dry, dusty wind but becoming moist as it passes over the Mediterranean. 2. A hot or warm southerly wind, esp. one moving toward a low barometric pressure center. [Ital. < Ar. *sharq*, east.]

sir-rah (sir'ā) *n.* *Obs.* Mister; fellow. Used as a contemptuous form of address. [Alteration of *SIR*.]

sir-ree also **sir-ee** (sā-rē') *n.* *Informal.* **Sir**. Used after *yes* or *no* for emphasis.

sir-up (sir'ap, sūr-) *n.* Variant of *syrup*.

sir-vente (sir-vānt') also **sir-ven-tes** (-vēn'təs) *n.* *pl.* -ventes (-vānt', -vānt's) also *-ventes* (-vēn'təs) A form of lyric verse of the Provençal troubadours satirizing political, social, or moral themes. [Fr. < Prov. *sirventes* < *sirvent*, servant < Lat. *serviens*, *p.* part, of *servire*, to serve < *servus*, servant.]

sis (sis) *n.* *Informal.* Sister.

sis-al (sī'sol, -zəl) *n.* 1. A fleshy plant, *Agave sisalana*, native to Mexico, widely cultivated for its large leaves that yield a stiff fiber used for cordage and rope. 2. a. The fiber of the sisal. b. The fiber of certain similar or related plants. [Mex. Sp., after *Sisal*, a town in Yucatán.]

sis-kin (sī'skin) *n.* Any of several small birds of the family Fringillidae, esp. *Carduelis spinus*, of Eurasia, or the pine siskin. [MDU, *siseken*, dim. of MLG *sisek*, of Slav. orig.]

sis-si-fied (sī'sī-fīd) *adj.* Of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a sissy; effeminate.

sis-sy (sī'sē) *n.* *pl.* -sies. 1. An effeminate boy or man; milk-sop. 2. A timid or cowardly person. 3. *Informal.* Sister. [*<* *sis*, short for *SISTER*.] —**sis-sy** *adj.*

sissy bar *n.* *Informal.* A narrow, inverted bar shaped like a U that rises from behind the seat of a motorcycle or bicycle and that supports the driver or a passenger.

sis-ter (sī'stər) *n.* 1. a. A female having the same mother and father as another. b. A female having one parent in common with another. 2. A female who shares a common ancestry, allegiance, character, or purpose with another or others, specifically: a. A kinswoman. b. A female fellow member, as of a sorority. c. A fellow woman, friend, or companion. 3. *Informal.* A girl or woman. Used as a form of direct address. 4. *Sister.* *Eccles.* a. A member of a religious order of dress. b. A sister of address for such a person. 5. *Chiefly Brit.* A nurse, esp. the head nurse in a ward. 6. One identified as female and closely related to another: "the sisters Death and Night" (Walt Whitman). [ME, partly < OE *sweostor*, and partly of Scand. orig.]

sis-ter-hood (sī'stər-hōd) *n.* 1. The state of being sisterly. 2. A being a sister or sisters. 3. The quality of being sisterly. 4. A society, esp. a religious society, of women. 5. Association or unification of women in a common cause: *the sisterhood of feminists*.

sis-ter-in-law (sī'stər-in-lō') *n.* *pl.* *sis-ters-in-law*. 1. The sister of one's husband or wife. 2. The wife of one's brother. 3. The wife of the brother of one's spouse.

sis-ter-ly (sī'stər-lē) *adj.* Characteristic of or befitting a sister or sisters. —*adv.* As a sister. —**sis-ter-ly-ness** *n.*

Sis-time (sī'stēn', sī-stēn') also **Six-time** (sīk'stēn', -stēn') *adj.*

1. Of or concerning one of the pope relating to the Sistene Chapel in the N.Lat. *sixtinus* < *Sixtus*, the name of *sist-trum* (sī'st'rəm) *n.* *pl.* -trums or -trums instrument of ancient Egypt consisting of loops attached to a metal frame. [M < *sein*, to shake.]

Sisyphus (sī's-fəs) *n.* *Gk. Myth.* a condemned forever to roll a huge stone only to have it roll down again on a *phē-an* (-fē'an) *adj.*

sit (sit) *v.* *sat* (sāt), *sit-ting, sits.* —*i.* torso vertical and the body support. 2. To rest with the hindquarters low surface. Used of animals. 3. To perch over eggs for hatching; brood. 5. *house that sits on a hill*. 6. To pose for a picture. 7. a. To occupy a seat as an official: *sit in Congress*. b. To be inactive or unused. 9. To lie or rest idle. 10. To affect one with or as if Official duties *sat heavily on him*. 11. a specified manner: *The jacket sits p*

be agreeable to one; please: *The idea* 13. *Chiefly Brit.* To take an exam.

14. To blow from a particular direction: *15. To baby-sit or keep watch.* —*tr.* 1 *Sit yourself over there.* 2. To keep on (mal). —*phrasal verbs.* *sit down.* To t

attend or participate in as a visitor: 2. To take part in a sit-in. *sit on* (or i

suppress or repress: *sat on the ev* sharply; reprimand. *sit out.* 1. To s

2. To refrain from taking part in: *si* 1. To stay up later than the customa

come suddenly alert: *sit up and take n* (one's) hands. To fail to act. *sit prett*

very favorable position. *sit tight.* *Inj* and await the next move. —See *Us*: *sitten* < OE *sittan*.

sitar (sī'tar) *n.* A Hindu stringed ins

used gourd and teak and having a t

with 6 or 7 main playing strings abov

resonating strings below. [Hindi *sitar*

sh, string.] —**sit-ar'let** *n.*

si-lcom also **sit-com** (sīk'kōm') *n.* 1

comedy.

sit-down (sīt'down') *n.* 1. A work sit

workers refuse to leave their place of

agreement. 2. An obstruction of norm

office, by the act of a large group sitti

grievance or protest. —*adj.* Perform

while sitting down: *a sit-down dinner*.

sit (sit) *n.* 1. The place where somethi

located. 2. The place or setting of an

sitting, sites. To situate or locate on a

place by the river. [ME < OFr. < Lat. *si*

sistere, to allow, put.]

sith (sith) *adv.* *Archaic.* Since. [ME *sithe*

—*sith* *adv.* *Archaic.* Since. [ME *sithe*

sit-in (sīt'in) *n.* 1. A protest demonst

protesters seat themselves in an appropri

move until their demands are consider

of occupying the seats or an area of a

to protest racial discrimination.

sit-o-gy (sīt-ō-jē) *n.* The science of

dec. [Gk. *sitos*, food, grain + *-LOGY*.]

sit-o-terol (sīt-ō's-tə-rōl', -rōl', sīt-) *n.*

steroids that occur in plants and are use

steroid hormones. [Gk. *sitos*, food, grai

ster (sīt'ar) *n.* 1. One that sits, esp.

brooding hen.

sitting (sīt'ing) *n.* 1. The act or positi

2. A period during which one is seated;

single activity, as posing for a portrai

3. A session, as of a legislature or court

period. b. The number of eggs under a

sitting duck *n.* *Informal.* An easy targe

sitting room *n.* A living room.

situate (sīt'chō-āt') *tr.v.* -at-ed, -at-ing.

to position vis-à-vis its surroundi

something is situated; location;

to surrounding conditions and

status. 3. A combination of

moment; state of affairs: *the int*

critical or problematic combination

position of employment; post. —*st*

situation comedy *n.* A humorous radio

comedy continuing cast of characters.

situation ethics *n.* (used with a *pl.* verb).

based on brotherly love in which acts are